Burned down September 20, 2000 8 Peter Parley Row

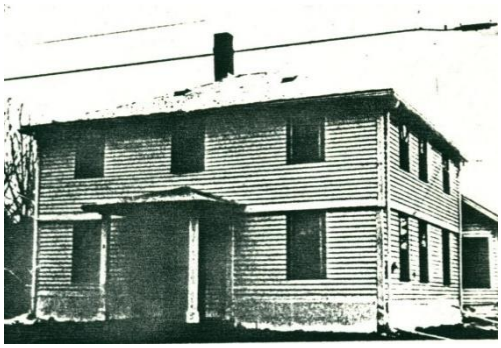
1800

1934 WPA Census of Old Buildings in Connecticut Survey at the Connecticut State Library Digital Collection. Slide # 051

Late 18th century on south side of road which runs west from Route 5, 3 miles north of town line – original chimney gone

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 145

1800 current owner: Zephorene Ventres



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2001 current owner: Bogdan & Phonesiry Jachimiec

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**
HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

BURNED - Totally Destroyed 9/12/00 #145

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| Town No.: | Site No.: |
| UTM | |
| QUAD: | |
| DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR | IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential |

**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)

2. TOWN/CITY: Berlin | VILLAGE: | COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 8 Peter Parley Row | 21-2/114/1

4. OWNER(S): Ventres, Zephorene | 20 Peter Parley Row Berlin 06037 | ☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present): Residence | (Historic): Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

**DESCRIPTION**

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Vernacular | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1800

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
☒ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☒ Cut stone Type: Brownstone foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other (Specify)

10. ROOF (Type)
☐ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☒ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)

(Material)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 30' x 28'

12. CONDITION (Structural): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location): ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations): ☒ Yes ☐ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN: Later entrance porch

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
In an area with scattering of 18th- and 19th-century houses.

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PHOTO

| PHOTOGRAPHER | | DATE |
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| HRC | | 11/84 |
| VIEW | NEGATIVE ON FILE | |
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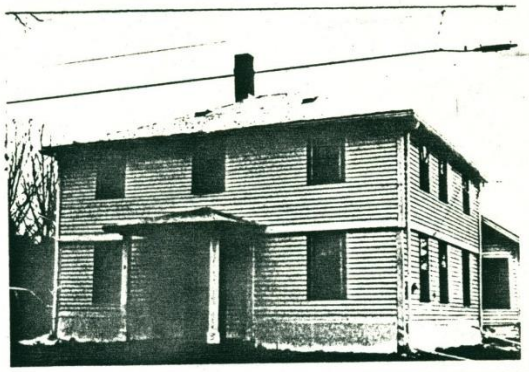
COMPILED BY

| NAME | DATE |
|---|---|
| Historic Resource Consultants | 12/84 |
| ORGANIZATION | |
| Colt Armory | |
| ADDRESS | |
| 55 Van Dyke Avenue | |
| Hartford, Connecticut 06106 | |

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION



DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This house has a three-bay facade. The basic plan of the house is nearly square; there is a slight overhang at the second story on front and side elevations. The central entry is protected by a Victorian porch with square chamfered posts and pilasters and simple jigsawn post brackets. Windows are fitted with 2-over-2 sash; second-floor windows are located high under the eaves. Cornice detailing is obscured by siding. To the rear is an old gable-roofed extension with a mixture of 2-over-2 and 6-over-6 sash.

SIGNIFICANCE

| 18 ARCHITECT | BUILDER |
|---|---|
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house is significant as a good surviving example of an early 19th-century vernacular building. Of particular interest is the architectural conservatism of the dwelling. Even though it has adopted a hip roof (rarely found in American houses before 1800), the building retains the three-bay window arrangement and the hewn overhang of Berlin's 18th-century central-chimney houses. The building's nearly square plan strongly suggests that the hip roof, apparently reflecting the influence of more formal Federal-period designs, is original.

Little could be discovered about the early history of the house.